GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA

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KAKRAPARA ATOMIC POWER PLANT
ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY;SHYAMA SINGH

Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned `N-reactor flouting safety norms: AERB` as reported in the Times of India on October 14, 2002;

(b) whether Kakrapara Atomic Power Plant in Surat has been flouting safety norms;

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to upgrade the safety norms at power plants and to ensure their proper functioning?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINIST OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The current safety norms stipulated by AERB are in line with international norms.In regard to safety, in addition to meeting the stipulations, the endeavour is always for continuous improvements. The design of the nuclear power plants, adopting defence-in-depth, redundancy, diversity, physical separation and fail safe features, compliance with the quality assurance programme during design, construction, and operation, monitoring/review of safety aspects of the plant and training of plant personnel are some of the measures taken to ensure compliance with the safety standards